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22. *Read* scheme for the purchase of additional hand and power drills and pumping sets for the pumping and boring branch of the Department of Industries (estimated cost in 1923–1924 Rs. 70,000).

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

23. *Read* proposal for increasing the strength of the Armed Reserves in Salem and North Arcot districts.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the proposal but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

24. *Read* proposal for the making of a compassionate grant of Rs. 30,000 to the poor people of the Puliyantope area whose houses were burnt down in the disturbances of 1921 to enable them to build fresh houses.

The Committee accepted the proposals subject to the understandings—

(1) that the houses already built are taken over for other Government purposes against a grant in the budget, and

(2) that the compensation given to the persons whose houses were burnt be given without discrimination to members of all classes who suffered.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
18*th December* 1922.

C. G. TODHUNTER.

APPENDIX G.

[Vide page 1293 supra.]

Proceedings of the Fifteenth Meeting for 1922–1923 *of the Standing Finance Committee of the Madras Legislative Council held at Fort St. George on Wednesday, the* 20*th December* 1922.

PRESENT:

(1) The Hon'ble Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER, K.C.S.I. (Chairman).
(2) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR Avargal.
(3) ,, O. TANIKACHALA CHETTIYAR Avargal.
(4) Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB.
(5) Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN.
(6) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR Avargal.
(7) ,, A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR Avargal.
(8) Mr. A. M. MACDOUGAL.
(Mr. W. ALEXANDER did not attend.)

Read proposal for the appointment of a dyeing assistant in the Department of Industries on a salary of Rs. 600 per mensem.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the proposal but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

2. *Read* scheme for the equipment for the Ceded Districts College, Anantapur (estimated cost Rs. 5,000).

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The Committee recommended the scheme as one for which funds should be provided in the budget for 1923–1924 (class I).

3. The Committee postponed consideration of the scheme for the extension of the special operations of the Labour department.

4. *Read* scheme for the provision of a workshop in the Central Jail, Vizagapatam, at a cost of Rs. 12,700.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme, but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

5. *Read* scheme for the construction of a court-house for the District Munsif, Gooty. The total cost of the scheme is Rs. 52,000 out of which a sum of Rs. 10,000 is required in 1923–1924.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme, but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

6. *Read* scheme for the preparation of index numbers to measure the cost of living for industrial workers (estimated cost Rs. 2,175 in 1922–1923, including non-recurring expenditure and Rs. 1,512 in 1923–1924).

The Committee did not recommend the scheme for adoption (class IV). They thought that it would be well to wait and see the result of the action taken in the matter in other Provinces.

7. *Read* proposal for the appointment of a public analyst.

The Committee recommended the proposal as one for which provision should be made in the budget for 1923–1924 (class I).

8. *Read* scheme for the improvement of the Gudalur-Mysore Frontier road at a cost of Rs. 81,900.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme, but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

9. *Read* scheme for providing a cast iron tank and pumping house at a cost of Rs. 23,790 at the Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras.

The Committee desired to be supplied with fuller information regarding the scheme.

10. *Read* scheme for the acquisition of land for the hospital at Calicut at a cost of Rs. 61,300.

The Committee desired to be supplied with fuller information regarding the scheme.

11. *Read* scheme for the construction of quarters for the establishment of the Headquarter Hospital, Kurnool (estimated cost Rs. 13,730).

The Committee recommended the scheme as one for which funds should be provided in the budget for 1923–1924 (class I).

12. *Read* scheme for the improvements to the Vellore Hospital at a total cost of Rs. 82,500. The amount required for 1923-1924 is Rs. 30,000.

The Committee desired to know whether it was essential to spend a large sum on a female ward when the Government were contributing large sums to a women's hospital in the town.

13. *Read* scheme for the construction of quarters for the lady apothecary in the Headquarter Hospital, Chittoor (estimated cost Rs. 6,170).

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme, but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

14. *Read* scheme for the construction of a morgue and freezing chamber at the Rayapuram Hospital at a total cost of Rs. 20,000, the amount required for 1923–1924 being Rs. 10,000.

The Committee recommended the scheme as one for which the whole amount of Rs. 20,000 should be provided in the budget for 1923–1924 (class I).

15. *Read* scheme for the construction of quarters for sisters at the General Hospital, Madras, at a cost of Rs. 39,200.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme (class II).

16. *Read* note inviting the opinion of the Finance Committee whether in the present financial stringency the granting of enhanced travelling allowance and batta to witnesses attending criminal courts was a matter of such urgency that an additional expenditure of about 2 lakhs must necessarily be faced.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the proposal for revision, but did not regard it as a scheme for which it is essential to provide money at once (class III).

17. *Read* scheme for the construction of a new bridge at Kallar on the Coonoor-Mettupalaiyam Ghat road at a total cost of Rs. 1 lakh. The amount required in 1923–1924 is Rs. 70,000.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme (class II).

18. *Read* scheme for strengthening the Irrity bridge in the Tellicherry-Coorg road at a cost of Rs. 50,000 in 1923–1924.

The Committee would be glad to know whether it could not be arranged that part of the cost of the bridge should be met out of a toll in the Coorg traffic.

19. The Committee accepted the proposal to move for a supplementary demand for Rs. 6,608 under the head "22. General Administration" on account of Translators to Government.

20. The following paper was placed on the table:—

G.O. No. 1546, Law (Education), dated 12th December 1922, sanctioning the transfer of the L.T. Class attached to the Queen Mary's College, Madras, to the new buildings on the Ice House road; the permanent retention of that class, and its conversion into a Training College for Women.

FORT ST. GEORGE, C. G. TODHUNTER.
22nd December 1922.